



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
PREPAREDNESS MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2005

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and other federal, state, local, private and volunteer agencies are working to deter, prevent and respond to all types of natural and man-made emergencies; and

WHEREAS, these activities, along with an active American community, contribute to a level of national preparedness that is critical to securing our homeland; and

WHEREAS, Preparedness Month creates an important opportunity for every North Dakotan to learn more about preparing for all types of emergencies from potential terrorist attacks to natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, our citizens can take a few simple steps to make preparedness a priority in their homes, schools, businesses and communities – get a kit, make a plan, be informed and get involved; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's Department of Emergency Services will designate each week throughout the month of September to emphasize the importance of preparedness for families, communities, businesses and schools; and

WHEREAS, all North Dakotans are encouraged to participate in citizen preparedness activities and to review the Department of Emergency Services' Web site at www.state.nd.us/des for preparedness information; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 2005, **PREPAREDNESS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State